

Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) ~~A clinical communication device~~—The hospital system as claimed in ~~claim 1~~—claim 5, wherein the electronic medical record information includes diagnosis information and order information, and the display control means generates a scheduling table containing the event information for the patients ~~and/or~~—and the event information for the medical care professionals and displays the diagnosis and treatment records, the order information, the follow-up sheets and/or the clinical pathways from the scheduling table.

3. (Currently Amended) ~~A clinical communication device~~—The hospital system as claimed in ~~claim 1~~—claim 5, wherein the information update means sets an importance level to information that is to be exchanged between the medical care professionals.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A clinical communication device~~—The hospital system as claimed in ~~claim 1~~—claim 5, wherein the display control means issues an alert when a scheduled time to implement an event for the patients and/or an event for the medical care professionals has passed.

5. (Currently Amended) A hospital information system comprising:
an electronic medical record database having stored therein electronic medical record information including at least clinical pathways, medical record information for patients and follow-up sheets for the patients;

a clinical communicator database having stored therein clinical communication information including at least event information for the patients, event information for medical care professionals and messages to/from the medical care professionals; and

a clinical communication device of claim 1 connected to the electronic medical record database and the clinical communicator database through a communication link, the clinical communication device including:

electronic medical record information extraction means for extracting the electronic medical record information from the electronic medical record database;

clinical communicator information extraction means for extracting the clinical communication information from the clinical communicator database;

information update means for updating the electronic medical record information and/or the clinical communication information in accordance with an input; and

display control means for displaying the electronic medical record information and the clinical communication information, while linking them with each other.

6. (New) The hospital system as claimed in claim 5, further including:

a display device controlled by the display control means to display the medical record information and the clinical communication information.

7. (New) The hospital system as claimed in claim 6, wherein:

the clinical communication database includes e-mails exchanged between the medical care professionals including an e-mail containing patient information indices which correlate an identified patient with corresponding medical record information stored in the electronic medical record database,

the medical record extraction means extracts the corresponding medical information for the identified patient in the e-mail, and

the information update means links the e-mail and the medical information of the identified patient and controls the display control means to cause the e-mail and the medical record information of the identified patient to be displayed.

8. (New) The hospital system as claimed in claim 6, wherein:

the clinical communication database includes e-mails exchanged between the medical care professionals including an e-mail containing patient information indices which identifies a patient with medical record information stored in the electronic medical record database, and in which the e-mail includes medical record information of the identified patient;

the clinical communication information extraction means extracts the medical record information in the e-mail from the clinical communicator database; and

an information update means updates the medical record information of the identified patient in the electronic medical record database with the extracted medical record information.

9. (New) The hospital system as claimed in claim 6, wherein:

the clinical communication database stores medical care professional event information including a personal calendar including scheduled absences and in-hospital meetings for medical care professionals;

the electronic medical record database stores clinical pathways including scheduled patient treatments and the medical care professionals to provide the patient treatments; and

the display control means receives the medical care professional event information for a given medical care professional from the clinical communication database and the scheduled patient treatments which the given medical care professional is to provide from the electronic medical record database and controls the display device to display a combined personal schedule of the medical care professional event information and the patient treatments which the given medical care professional is to provide.

10. (New) The hospital system as claimed in claim 9, wherein:

the clinical communication database includes e-mails exchanged between the medical care professionals including an e-mail containing patient

information which identifies a patient with medical record information stored in the electronic medical record database,

the medical record extraction means extracts the medical information for the identified patient in the e-mail, and

the information update means links the e-mail and the medical records of the identified patient and causes the display device to display the e-mail and the medical record information of the identified patient.

11. (New) The hospital system as claimed in claim 10, wherein:

the clinical communication database includes e-mails exchanged between the medical care professionals including an e-mail containing (1) patient information which identifies a patient with medical record information stored in the electronic medical record database, and (2) medical record information of the identified patient;

the clinical communication information extraction means extracts the medical record information in the e-mail from the clinical communicator database; and

an information update means updates the medical record information of the identified patient in the electronic medical record database with the extracted medical record information.

12. (New) The hospital system as claimed in claim 11, wherein the display control means controls the display device to display color-coded alerts regarding the personal schedule and the patient treatments.

13. (New) The hospital system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the display control means mutually exchanges the medical record information from the electronic medical record database and the clinical communication information from the clinical information database to generate the scheduling table in accordance with current patient conditions to set the clinical pathways.

14. (New) A hospital information system comprising:

a medical record memory which stores medical record information for each of a plurality of patients including medical treatment schedules including patient event information;

a clinical communicator memory which stores clinical communication information including event information including schedules for each of a plurality of medical care professionals and e-mails among the medical care professionals containing medical treatment information about the patients;

a display device; and

a display control section which links the medical information stored in the medical record memory and the clinical communication information stored in the clinical communication memory to generate a scheduling table based on the patient event information and the medical care professional event information and which controls the display device to display the scheduling table.

15. (New) The hospital system as claimed in claim 14, further including:

an information update section which updates the medical record information stored in the medical record memory with the medical treatment information contained in the e-mails stored in the clinical communications memory.

16. (New) The hospital system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the display control section controls the display device to display the patient events together with the medical care professional schedule.

17. (New) The hospital system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the display control section mutually exchanges the medical record information from the medical record memory and the clinical communication information from the clinical information memory to generate the scheduling table in accordance with current patient conditions to set the medical treatment schedules.

18. (New) The hospital system as claimed in claim 17, wherein the scheduling table is generated with reference to the medical care professional events, in-hospital events, other information provided by the medical care professionals to perform reality-based process control to support scheduling efficiency.